



LEXINGTON

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Lexington is an affluent community that prides itself on the beauty of town land, the safety of its residents and the excellence of its public school system. The town has numerous parks, conservation lands, museums and libraries that provide exceptional opportunities for recreational and cultural activities. The town's physical location, residents feel, is ideal, allowing easy access to Boston, the Atlantic ocean, the White Mountains and many important historical sites in the state.

Lexington's citizens are especially active in town affairs. The representative town meeting is comprised of 199 members and over 50 standing committees ensure that the desires of the community are heard and addressed. Particular attention is given to preserving the town's strong historical importance as the birthplace of the American Revolution. The annual Patriot's Day celebration in April, complete with a re-enactment of Paul Revere's ride and the battle with the British, is one of the town's most popular events.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lincoln on the southwest; Bedford on the northwest; Burlington on the northeast; Woburn, Winchester, and Arlington on the east; and Belmont and Waltham on the south. Lexington is 11 miles northwest of Boston, 18 miles south of Lowell, and 220 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 16.54 sq. miles

Land Area: 16.40 sq. miles

Population: 28,974

Density: 1,767 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Bedford Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.3°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.8"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Lexington, Concord

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 861-2776

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

Representative Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1713

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	19,327		
Democrats	8,533	44.2	%
Republicans	3,479	18.0	%
Other parties	9	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	7,306	37.8	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Lexington town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	30,355	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	30,355	100.0
Male.....	14,265	47.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	428	1.4
Female.....	16,090	53.0	Mexican.....	70	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,728	5.7	Puerto Rican.....	71	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	2,430	8.0	Cuban.....	31	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	2,491	8.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	256	0.8
15 to 19 years.....	1,773	5.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	29,927	98.6
20 to 24 years.....	640	2.1	White alone.....	25,822	85.1
25 to 34 years.....	1,982	6.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	4,896	16.1	Total population.....	30,355	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	5,338	17.6	In households.....	29,574	97.4
55 to 59 years.....	1,829	6.0	Householder.....	11,110	36.6
60 to 64 years.....	1,481	4.9	Spouse.....	7,336	24.2
65 to 74 years.....	2,716	8.9	Child.....	9,561	31.5
75 to 84 years.....	2,099	6.9	Own child under 18 years.....	7,724	25.4
85 years and over.....	952	3.1	Other relatives.....	831	2.7
Median age (years).....	43.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	211	0.7
18 years and over.....	22,352	73.6	Nonrelatives.....	736	2.4
Male.....	10,174	33.5	Unmarried partner.....	217	0.7
Female.....	12,178	40.1	In group quarters.....	781	2.6
21 years and over.....	21,813	71.9	Institutionalized population.....	597	2.0
62 years and over.....	6,644	21.9	Noninstitutionalized population.....	184	0.6
65 years and over.....	5,767	19.0	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	2,276	7.5	Total households.....	11,110	100.0
Female.....	3,491	11.5	Family households (families).....	8,429	75.9
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	4,197	37.8
One race.....	29,926	98.6	Married-couple family.....	7,336	66.0
White.....	26,146	86.1	With own children under 18 years.....	3,712	33.4
Black or African American.....	343	1.1	Female householder, no husband present.....	854	7.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	23	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	404	3.6
Asian.....	3,310	10.9	Nonfamily households.....	2,681	24.1
Asian Indian.....	672	2.2	Householder living alone.....	2,312	20.8
Chinese.....	1,692	5.6	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,368	12.3
Filipino.....	45	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	4,344	39.1
Japanese.....	214	0.7	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	3,708	33.4
Korean.....	431	1.4	Average household size.....	2.66	(X)
Vietnamese.....	27	0.1	Average family size.....	3.10	(X)
Other Asian ¹	229	0.8	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	11,333	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	11,110	98.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	223	2.0
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	59	0.5
Some other race.....	102	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	429	1.4	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.7	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	11,110	100.0
White.....	26,527	87.4	Owner-occupied housing units.....	9,175	82.6
Black or African American.....	450	1.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	1,935	17.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	71	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.77	(X)
Asian.....	3,572	11.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.16	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	15	-			
Some other race.....	176	0.6			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	165
Conventional Federal:	77

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	9
Federal (Section 8):	68



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Lexington is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 2, 128, and 225. Interstate Route 95 and Route 128 share the same roadway through Lexington.

Rail

There is no commuter rail service to Lexington. Connection to the MBTA Red Line is at Alewife Station; accessed by fixed route bus service.

Bus

Lexington is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), providing service to the Bedford VA, Hanscom Field and Alewife Station on the Red Line. The MBTA also provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled. Hudson Bus Lines offers limited commuter service to Boston. Lexpress provides local service within Lexington.

Other

L.G. Hanscom Field, a joint civil-military airport, is located in neighboring Bedford. A Reliever Airport with Commercial Service (CR), it has a 5,106' asphalt runway and a 7,001' concrete and asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Hanscom Field is an alternate airport to Boston's Logan International Airport and is also administered by the Massachusetts Port Authority.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Lexington Historical Society
The Buckman Tavern
1 Bedford Street
The Monroe Tavern
1332 Massachusetts Avenue
The Hancock Clark House
Hancock Street
Museum of Our National Heritage
33 Marrett Road
(781) 861-6559

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

East Village Nursing Home

Fairlawn Nursing Home Inc

Mediplex Of Lexington Altcf

Nursing Center, Brookhaven @ Lexington

Pine Knoll Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Dana Home Of Lexington

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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